IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE paragraph [0033] on page 8 with the following paragraph:

Before sending the message, the priority delivery selection logic system 30 must first verify the availability or reachability of the recipient. For example, if the priority table specifies sending a message to the recipient using IM delivery, the priority delivery selection logic system 30 first ~~checkes~~ checks IM address online presence. This verification is provided by the reachability check system 34, which determines whether the recipient is available on a specific device.